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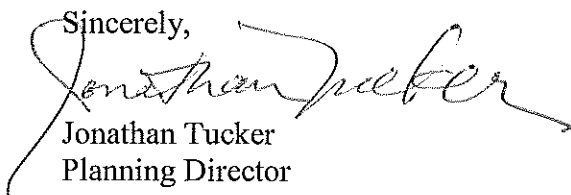
RE: Scenic Roads/Shade Tree Hearing – Sand Hill Road – Roadway Improvements

On Wednesday, June 3, 2009, the Amherst Planning Board and the Tree Warden conducted a joint public hearing under the provisions of the Scenic Roads Act (MGL Ch. 40, §5C) and Shade Tree Act (MGL Ch. 87, §3) to review the request of the Amherst Department of Public Works to remove selected public shade trees along stretches of Sand Hill Road and State Street in conjunction with planned drainage and pavement improvements.

Following presentations by the Town Engineer and the Tree Warden, and ensuing discussion, the Planning Board voted (4-3-0) to accept the recommendations for removal of public shade trees along Sand Hill Road as proposed by the Department of Public Works (copy attached), with the proviso that modifications be explored and, if possible, implemented, for preserving more of the trees than currently proposed, while still meeting the project's main goals for roadway and drainage improvement, and increased public safety.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office with any questions.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Tucker
Planning Director

cc: Tree Warden
Conservation Department
Town Engineer
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